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## **ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM.**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Jesus Ismael Beltran-Dominguez, 22 years old, of Sinaloa, Mexico, was sentenced on September 7 to eleven months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins. Beltran-Dominguez had pleaded guilty on June 27, 2006 to the charge of Illegal Alien in Possession of a Firearm.

At 1:15a.m. on March 3, 2006, law enforcement officers made contact with Jesus Ismael Beltran-Dominguez in Tucson as he was sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle which was stopped in the middle of a roadway. Beltran-Dominguez repeatedly disobeyed the police officer's requests to keep his hands visible during the initial interaction with police, and he was acting nervous. When Beltran-Dominguez got out of the vehicle at the officer's request, he began to run away. It was then discovered that Beltran-Dominguez had left a firearm on the front seat where he had just been sitting. The firearm was identified as a Hi-Point semi-automatic .380 caliber pistol. Beltran-Dominguez was apprehended after a short foot-chase. During the subsequent investigation it was also discovered that Beltran-Dominguez was a Mexican citizen with no legal authority to be present in the United States, and therefore no legal authority to possess a firearm in the United States. Beltran-Dominguez admitted that he was in this country illegally, and admitted that he had recently purchased the firearm (as well as the bag of cocaine that was also found in his possession) from a man in Tucson.

The investigation in this case was jointly conducted by the Tucson Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer J. Maldonado, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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